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CITY COUNCIL MOVES FORWARD WITH NEIGHBORHOOD INTEGRITY INITIATIVES

College Station City Council members decided at the March 27 Regular Council Meeting to proceed with several initiatives that seek to address a number of challenges facing College Station neighborhoods.

The City's Planning & Development Services will lead the charge to develop a variety of strategies under the umbrella of a "Strong and Sustainable Neighborhoods" policy initiative. The strategy will be a comprehensive approach to addressing neighborhood issues, featuring:

- Targeted neighborhood focus in the areas of code enforcement, planning, parking and neighbor relations
- Active involvement of all stakeholders (City staff, neighborhoods, students, Texas A&M University Administration,

investors, etc.)

- Development of a city-wide rental registration program to maintain accurate home ownership statistics and accountability

"A real opportunity exists in College Station... to demonstrate how a community can welcome thousands of students, address an aging housing stock, and build strong and sustainable neighborhoods."

from: **STRONG & SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOODS-An Action Plan for Neighborhood Integrity**

- Sustain and grow City partnerships with the university and neighborhood associations.

In addition to these strategies, the City is coordinating several positive public outreach efforts. They include monthly **Coffee with the Mayor** sessions, featuring Mayor Ben White engaging citizens in dialogue about city-wide issues, and **CS 101** classes, a cooperative effort between the City and the TAMU Student Government Association to teach college students about various neighborhood codes and related topics.

Before finalizing its policy initiatives, City staff will present them at a public meeting for Council approval.



March 27, 2008
City Council Meeting



For more information about Neighborhood Integrity and related initiatives go to:
www.cstx.gov/ni



City of College Station Honors TAMU Women's Basketball

The TAMU women's basketball team was recently recognized by the City of College Station for advancing to the Elite Eight of the 2008 Women's NCAA tournament. Mayor Ben White first presented the team with ceremonious boxing gloves to wish them well after their acceptance into the tournament.

The senior players and Coach Gary Blair were later presented with a "Key to the City" at a Starlight Music Series concert in recognition of their outstanding season.

leads to a greater understanding of state and local history.

Highlighted local programs include the Project HOLD Historic Online Library Database, the Exploring History lunch lectures, the Historic Marker program, the Oral History program, College Station Conference Center exhibits, and the "Moment in History" newsletters.

For more on historic preservation, contact Anne Boykin at (979) 764-3491 or aboykin@cstx.gov

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 5 & 19

College Station Planning & Zoning Meeting (7pm)
@ City Hall*

June 12 & 26

City Council Workshop (3pm)
& Regular Meeting (7pm)
@ City Hall*

June 20

"Coffee with the Mayor" (8am)
@ Conference Center

College Station Conference Center
1300 George Bush Drive

College Station City Hall
1101 Texas Avenue

*Watch City Council and Zoning meetings live on Channel 19, or go to www.cstx.gov/cstv19

Seminar Supper

June 9 -----

The Neighborhood Relations Office is planning a Seminar Supper for June 9 at the College Station Conference Center. Neighborhood Partners with the City will be notified on the topic and details. These events are held for organized Neighborhood and Homeowner Associations who partner with the City to help facilitate information to College Station residents.

Interested in developing or joining a neighborhood association? Call Barbara Moore, Neighborhood & Community Relations Coordinator, at (979) 764-6262.

2007 Award of Excellence in Preserving History Winner --

College Station is the proud recipient of the 2007 Award of Excellence in Preserving History from the Texas Historical Commission.

The award recognizes individuals, organizations or projects that significantly contribute to the understanding or preservation of Texas history through preservation planning, historic site identification, preservation of significant archival or artifact collections, and research which

Starlight Music Series

June 7, 14 -----

Don't forget to catch the City's remaining FREE Starlight Music Series concerts at the Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater. Max Stalling with special guest Kathleen Braun will perform on June 7, and The Big Time will close off the 2008 Starlight Music Series on June 14.



For more concert information, go to www.cstx.gov/starlight

View Photos of City Events! ---

The City has set up a unique web page to highlight some the events and gatherings in College Station.

Go to www.cstx.gov/photos to see what makes College Station a great place to live!